

WE NOMINATE

John Prentiss Poe, 50-year old president of the 57-year old First National Bank of Princeton, who this past week caught, and held, the attention of thinking Princetonians with a year-end report that accentuated the "supernormal activity" of recent years and probed into the immediate, uncertain future. In characteristic straightforward fashion, Poe, one of New Jersey's leaders in the field of banking, didn't hesitate to point out that "the uncertainties being faced by education, our principal local industry, are bound to be reflected in our entire local economy, with results as yet unpredictable."

Asserting that "you can't stop growth but that growth can be channeled in a community's best interests," Poe in his decade as chief executive officer of the First National has played a vital role in helping develop a unique center of education and research. Since he assumed the bank presidency its total deposits have climbed from some \$6,500,000 in 1940 to Last year its total assets grew approximately \$2,000,000—a jump of 12 per cent in round figures. For 1950 he could also report two amazing totals—6,550 checking accounts

Poe, the son of the eldest of Old Nassau's six football-playing Poe Brothers, completed his Princeton studies in 1922 on a self-help basis and with Philadel Poet Warne before often he had held forth bear

varsity lacrosse player and a 132-pound "scrub" quarterback. He was one of the handful of college seniors selected for the pioneering training program initiated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and was later affiliated with the National Bank of Commerce and the National Bank Examining Board. At the time he was called here in 1935 as assistant to William R. Matthews, he was a department director in the National City Bank of New York.

In much the same way he and his associates have broadened the base of their bank's service until it ranks among the first ten commercial banks in New Jersey's Southern District, Poe has made time for a host of local organizations, including the Social Service Bureau, Princeton Hospital, Community Chest, Community Players and Rotary Club. During World War II, Poe, now chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hun School, was a driving force behind all seven of Princeton's eminently successful War Bond Drives and was also active in British War Relief.

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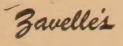
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Topics of the Town

Year of Decision. The new year was less than a fortnight old before Princetonians had several clear indications of a number of major changes it would bring into their lives. If all out war came, they could count on remaking their lives entirely; but short of that, there were still many new developments weiting just offerers. waiting just offstage.

Biggest of them from a community point of view would come with the start of operations on the former Rockefeller tract by Princeton University, where it was planning a research center "in the planning a research center "in the fields of aeronautical engineering, jet propulsion, Ichemical kinetics and related sciences." The immense project had aptly been named in memory of James Forrestal, first Secretary of Defense, a member of the Class of '15 and a charter trustee.

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The University had completed six months of unpublicized study of the advisability of such a step, moving ten days ago to acquire the site being eyed for research ourposes by the Army Quartermaster Corps. At the relatively small cost of \$1,500,000, it had acquired more than a score of buildings for research, administrative work and housing, plus 800 acres of New Jersey's most picturesque and fertile land. This "Louisiana Purchase" had in one step increased chase" had in one step increased its real estate holdings from 1,200 to 2,000 acres, a jump of almost 70 percent.

Other changes were still short of the blueprint stage. Governor Driscoll's annual message to the Legislature urged underground parking facilities (presumably in the state's larger metropolitan centers) which could be used as bomb shelters. For more fluid traffic conditions in the event of attack, he felt that strategic roads and bridges -over the Delaware and Hudson

Government services will be curtailed, but civilian defense expenditures will immediately be increased almost tenfold to \$250,000. Other appropriations for such presented will follow now. paredness will follow next Sum-

The governor made no mention of new taxes, and every effort will be bent to maintain New Jersey's enviable position of having one of the lowest per capita levies in the nation. But the perennial bugaboo of a sales or state income tax seemed sure to thrust its ugly face

into consideration.

At the local and national levels, however, there was no doubt of sharp increases. It would be the



end of the month before Prince-tonians knew how much more their

tonians knew how much more their homes would cost, but the borough's rate of 4.42 was already approximately 4.60 with the new school budget at hand and with municipal and county rates still to be figured. The township rate would also increase proportionately. In Washington, President Truman warned of the need for "taxing until it hurts" to meet the cost of military preparedness. Mention of rationing was still unofficial, and might never reach the retail level if all-out war was avoided, but scare buying and shortages were sure to be a part of the new year. Sharply rising prices the new year. Sharply rising prices already were.

The coming 12 months would be more filled with anxiety than any yet known by Americans of today For the first time since the early years of the last century, it was a certainty that if full-scale war came, their towns and cities would know the horror of enemy attack. In 1951, it would be a sneak attack unparalleled in devastation.

Yet in the face of the appalling future, there was no tendency to lose hope. The year might be one of trouble and sacrifice, but it also seemed at the outset to be the first link in making the nation strong enough to preserve the peace against any brand of aggression.

Old Problem. Housewives will be interested to know that the borough council is considering restorough council is considering restoring rear-door garbage collections.

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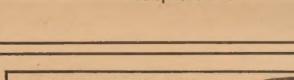
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lections (the present schedule); three rear-door collections and, for economy's sake, two rear-door collections per week.

Historical note: rear-door collec-tions ended seven or eight years ago, when enough gasoline could not be obtained under wartime rationing to permit the truck driver to let his motor run while he was trekking to the back porch.

Drive Starts. The March of Dimes campaign opens officially on Monday, but coin collection boxes have already been installed on many a store counter in town. Paul Giroux, sales manager of the Turney Mo-tor Co., who will direct the fund-raising to combat polio here, has expressed his thanks to the many places of business where the boxes -small replicas of iron lungs-may be found.

The display shows a youngster both of whose arms were affected by the disease but whose recovery was speeded by funds contributed in other years. The 1951 slogan, ap-propriately, is "Lend Me a Hand."

Sign Up. Questionnaires on the availability of civilian defense workers in town nave been circulated to many homes in the community in an effort to facilitate mobilization of the home front. For those who have not yet acted, or require an extra copy, the basic points covered by the form are reprinted on page 12 of this issue.

Saturday's noon hour will be marked by the first state-wide air raid test held since 1944, when it became evident that the U. S. was in no danger of being bombed until World War III was born. Sometime between 12 and 1 o'clock, the air raid sirens will wail.

Hoff Honored. Election of Joseph S. Hoff to the newly-created posi-S. Holf to the newly-created posi-tion of chairman of the board of The First National Bank was an-nounced at the annual meeting Tuesday by President John P. Poe. Mr. Hoff, the bank's acting presi-dent in 1934, has been associated with It continuously since its orgaulzation in 1893.

He is empowered to assume all of the duties of the president in the latter's absence save those which, by law, the president can alone discharge. Last year's other change in the bank's direction was replacement of the late Henry G. Duffield by Harold M. Hinkson.

Miscellany. Final registration periods for the Princeton Adult. School have been set for this Thursday night and next Thursday, from 7:30 to 8 just before classes start at Princeton High School . . . Bruce H. French and Thomas P. Cook have announced formation of a law firm bearing their names, with of-fices at 90 Nassau Street.

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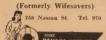
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THE PLAYHOUSE

Music (Thurs.-Sat.) has its enjoyable moments and topnotch names (Bing Crosby, Charles Co-burn, Groucho Marx, Dorothy Kirsten) but is inclined to be both over long and somewhat disap-pointing. The acting and the musical interludes are the strong points but the story—about a carefree songwriter who won't buckle down to work on a new show and then falls in love with the prim secretary hired to see that he doescreaks audibly at times

Pagan Love Song (Sun.-Tues.) is the right dish for those who enjoy the most easy-going of musicals and will accept eye-filling color photography in exchange for any sem-blance of a plot. Esther Williams swims, Howard Keel sings and ro-mance blooms in a Tahitian setting, all at a lazy pace that is intended to be the envy of mortals caught in today's steady hustle.

For Heaven's Sake (Wed.-Sat.) records the whimsical proceedings that occur when two angels (Clifton Webb and Jack La Rue) arrive on earth to help a little girl make parents out of a childless theatrical couple (Joan Bennett and Robert Cummings.) The make-believe sadly misses fire, offers but a few amusing scenes and emerges as a second-rate farce

THE GARDEN

Last of the Buccaneers (Fri.-Sat.) pays tribute to Jean Lafitte, the 19th century pirate who found-ed Galveston and plundered ship-ping on the Gulf of Mexico. Swordplay, romance and piracy on the high seas provide the action in a routine adventure film. Paul Henreid and Karin Booth head the cast.

All About Eve (Mon.-Tues.) is one of two of 1950's best (see beone of two of 1950's best tsee be-low) coming to The Garden next week. A repeat from last Novem-ber, it uses as its basic theme the treachery to be found in the the-atrical world. Sharply - written, ably-acted, it tells the story of the rise to stardom of a young actress (Anne Baxter). Bette Davis, who makes her career possible, is cast as a quick-tempered, ill-mannered "first lady of the stage." A picture full of adult entertainment, in sharp contrast to the average soupy "escape story." (Second show at

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which, we presume, opponents will find a devastated by of the single fellow Advance reports gave indication of an elaborate ceremony, includhighly complithe nationing a musical parody of through ballots from his the box, open it and be the Tigers' version throughout Charlie drew some In winning in which, Princeton's Thing' wing.

squad, college spired average any of the 22 teams I saw this man on and off field. Highly rers and other keeping 'Had best drilled good material to a or pro, we saw all s spected by playe mentary comments outstanding job wing alive"...

the country shopping for a new ticket if he chose to shift to other been made (by Southern California and Duke and possibly more) but ege throughout head coach, the able Nassau alumwrite his own had reportedly nake Princeton ootball left for much as if he his headquarters for the foresee-With many a colli as Princeton's Mr. F Texas, it looked very nus could virtually pastures. Overtures would continue to able future.

a clean backfield coming faster the word on the campus was that months, George Chandler than had been expected. This week Patterson parting players because military situation would surprising in the coming Dick Kazmaier had all graduating, that meant sweep of the offensive Vanishing Backs. but it seemed to be which would have Bob Unger, Harry Captain With

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point-a-minute pace, as Hank Both-feld recorded two of the five goals he tallied during the evening. In the third period, he also racked up and Black rang the bell six times. For a while, production was at a the rink has seen in some time. In all, the Tigers added eight more all, the Tigers added eight more during the final round. pair within 60 seconds for one of the best individual performances

The Colgate game was very much of a carbon copy of the Hamilton affair, in that the Tigers were held to 2-1 after one period and then broke the game wide open in the second. Captain Chuck Weeden led the attack as the vicinexped up the decision and raised the tors beat the Red Raiders' while Colgate went scoreless season's mark to 4-5. goalie

Orange and Black was expected to have won their first two league clashes against Yale at New Haven last Saturday, 4-1 and then preceded the weekend clash with Brown. The Rhode Is-Harvard at Providence on Tuesday by the same score. win handlly, landers Point

Princeton, 58-37, at Annapolis last Winter, will be in Dillon Gym Saturday night at 8:30. The game will team, which whipped be the team's last until Monday, January 29, when Rutgers ends the two-week examination lay-off. Puzzling Finish.

won three and lost seven. While Mike Kearns and Dave Sisler each hit for 16 points, there was no consistency on the attack at all and Princetonians were completely puzzled by the quintet's performance last Saturday, as it eked out a 49-47 win over a thoroughly unimpressive Harvard five that had managed to bowl over its Big Ten question making rounds was how the team the chief

opposition in December.
All but blowing a 12-point lead, the Orange and Black had its adto go. At this vantage carved from 45-33 to 49-47 point, three wild Crimson tosses went wide of the mark and a jump with 15 seconds

. The latter goes be sure whether the ball was called. since the

more in the third round

game with Army at West Wednesday, which the

cluding Asa Bushnell, the league's the proper solution, but the result sould unquestionably have been for the jump ball had been called clock ran out. Another toss seemed the same.

Smith, the chief timer, told referee Hagan Anderson that he could not At the same moment, William proar had drown-

This unusual group picture was taken Friday night at the Nassau Tavern, at a dinner marked by the presentation of gold footballs to 40 lettermen on the 1950 championship team. Present for the occasion were the Coach of the Year, Charlie Caldwell, flanked on the left by Mel Dickinson, captain of the 1922 "Team of Destiny;" Art Lane, leader of the 1933 eleven; Pepper Constable, captain of another championship team in 1935, and now a resident of Princeton at 16 Dorann Avenue; and George Chandler, who directed this years "nine for nine" aggregation. credit enough for the Nassau con-

tingent.

secretary) felt that time

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couple of

that the quintet or its achieve-ments will draw much attention in the day-by-day accounts of the sachusetts, one of the better basket-ball teams along the eastern seaportedly running all opposition into the ground. It is unlikely, however, board has been formed and is resport in the press.

Norm Skinner of Columbia and George Sella of Princeton. To-But for the record, its four principal players are Ferd Nadherny of Yale, John Rockwell of Harvard,

young, inexperienced squad was

the nation. But the fact that they

were fully expected to replace the est winning streak (18 straight) in had achieved that mark with a

Tigers as the team with the long-

Columbia team in a decade, Victor over Cornell by 40 points, the Lions

Wednesday night took the Tigers New York to meet the hottest

gether with a fifth operator named Joe (who can probably get along on crutches with one hand tied behind studying at Harvard Business ing in an informal circuit while his back if he has these four on the same team with him), they're play. Dream Team. In Cambridge, MasElis'

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what heated debate, the clock was started again-on the theory that two would be left to put the ball in play. When it didn't, the game was ruled officially complete. Actually, the buzzer had gone off, but many of those present (in-

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by the present tense international situation.

To find out what problems New Jersey people would like this year's law-makers to pay particular to pay particular attention to, New Jer-sey Poll reporters asked the following question of a

representative cross-section of the state's voters

"As you probably know, New Jer-sey's state legislature will meet in Trenton in January to begin a four-month session. What do you feel is the most important problem or problems that the state legislature should pay particular attention to when it meets in Trenton?"

Results of the survey show that these three problems are uppermost on the minds of New Jersey voters:

- 1. Housing.
- · 2. Taxes: keeping taxes down; no increase in taxes if at all pos-
 - 3. Civilian defense.

More than three out of every five people (62%) questioned in the survey named one of the above three. Next most important problems for the incoming legislators judging by the number of mentions,

- 4. Schools: teachers' salaries and school buildings.
 - 5. Highways: roads; traffic.
 - 6. The high cost of living.

Also receiving mention are: 7. Veterans; 8. Unemployment because of civilian production cutbacks; 9. Rent ceilings; and 10. Beach erosion.

Highlight of today's survey is that Republicans and Democrats throughout the state agree in naming housing, taxes and civilian de-fense in that order the most im-portant problems for the incoming law makers. Big city dwellers and residents of small and medium sized towns also agree in naming the same three as the top problems for the 1951 legislature to consider.



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More than one out of every three people questioned in the survey, however, said they didn't know enough about the work of the 1950 law makers to render an opinion one way or another

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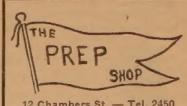
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